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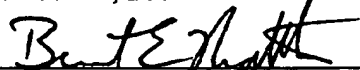
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This Amendment is in response to the Final Office action mailed on
August 24, 2004. The date two months after the mail date of the Final Office action (i.e.,
October 24, 2004) fell on a Sunday, and this paper is submitted on the next succeeding day
that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. Accordingly, applicant respectfully
requests that this paper be considered filed within two months of the mailing date of the
Final Office action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this Amendment.

The **Remarks** section begins on page 11 of this Amendment.